Bhabha Atomic Research Centre and the Indian Science Academy, for further research;

(b) whether Government have paid rupees five crores to M|s. Hemlock of US for getting this basic technology;

(c) whether the technology evolved by M|s. Mettur Chemicals has been declared as obsolete; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for going in for the Hemlock technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Department of Electronics have informed National Chemical Laboratory, Pune; National Physical Laboratory, Delhi; Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay and Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore about the availability of certain documents on technical know-how acquired from M|s. Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation, USA for reference by them in their R&D activity in the silicon area, within the provisions of the Agreement with M|s. Hemlock.

(b) to (d) Government have so far paid a sum of Rs. 2,93,12,500 (equivalent to US $ 2,345, 000) out of a total know-how fee of US $ 6.7 million. However the investment decision on National Silicon Facility was to be taken only after evaluating the results achieved by Metkem Silicon. This evaluation is in progress.

Prime Minister's direction for probe into Silicon controversy

3247. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item which appeare in the 'Economic Times' of 24th September, 1986 under the caption "PM orders probe in silicon facility controversy"; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the CBI had undertaken investigation in the case and submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) An enquiry is ordered which includes investigation by the CBI. The enquiry is still in progress.

Rape by police men

3248. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the 'Indian Express' dated the 28th October, 1986 captioning 'Top Officers cover up rape by police men; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The news item published in 'the Indian Express' of 28th October, 1986 has been seen.

The Supreme Court had ordered the transfer of the investigation of the alleged case of rape to the CBI. The CBI has completed the enquiry and submitted its report to the Supreme Court on 5-11-1986. The Supreme Court had also ordered an enquiry into the allegations made in the writ petition against officials of the State Government and this matter concern the State Government.

Killing of Judges by the terrorists

3249. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Judges, including the sessions judges and Judges of the High Courts, have been killed in the country by terrorists and many others have been threatened by them during the last four months;

(b) whether any of these judges have been killed after giving warning by the terrorists and if so, what are the details of such cases; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) An Additional Session Judge posted at Hoshiarpur had received threatening letters. Gunmen were provided for his security. After he was transferred to Jalandhar he was killed there by the terrorists on 1st September, 1986. Some Judges in Punjab and other places have received threatening letters. The authorities concerned have made arrangements for their security.

Training camp for terrorists in J & K

3250. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in 'The Week' dated the 24th August stating that a training camp of terrorists was held in the North-West of Srinagar (J&K) and many pro-Khalistan and pro-Pakistan posters were found near Baramula and bullet-proof jackets were seized from some terrorists;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what security steps have been taken in the belt near the border; and

(c) whether the same steps are being taken in the border belts in Rajasthan and Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Government are aware of the report appeared in 'The Week', of August 24—30, 1986. However, there is no such report from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir. Strict vigilance is being kept on the borders by our security forces.

Cost of the light combat aircraft project

3251. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI KISHOR MEHTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 358 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th November, 1986 and state by when the Light Combat Aircraft is likely to become operational and what would be the cost of the project at that time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): The Light Combat Aircraft is likely to become operational by mid 1990s. It is premature at this stage to give the cost of the project at the time of the aircraft becoming operational.

Discussion between UN officials and Government on social forestry

3252. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that discussions were held recently between Government and UN officials and non-Governmental organisations at Bangalore on issues relating to their social forestry efforts and experiences;

(b) what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the target of afforestation programmes fixed for 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The UNDP had sponsored a Seminar on Social Forestry at Bangalore, in which NGOs, officers of Government of Karnataka and consultant of NWDB had participated.